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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Revision of DCID 11/2

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The attached draft for the revision of DCID 11/2 was circulated to the members of the Security Committee of the United States Intelligence Board on 10 September 1959. The Security Committee had requested this Agency to prepare the initial draft and a working group was formed within the Agency representing the various components interested in this problem. This draft will be the subject of discussion at the next meeting of the Security Committee on 24 September 1959.
3. Section 5 of the draft covering the public release of classified intelligence and intelligence information will be of interest. The Security Committee has discussed various ways and means of developing, within the Community, a stricter control of the public release of intelligence information but no definite proposals or solutions have been offered. Since DCID 11/2 concerns itself with the control of dissemination and use of intelligence and intelligence information, it was thought that in the revision a section on the public release of intelligence would be the best means of raising this problem within the Intelligence Community to establish some uniform principles. Statements by the Security Committee members concerning their internal policies and procedures on the public release of intelligence indicates that each agency has some form of control over public releases, but it is quite obvious that these controls are not specific and not seriously enforced. No agency or department appears to have the degree of control as established within this Agency.
4. If the principles set forth in Section 5 are acceptable and each department or agency head establishes definite procedures and controls within the framework of these principles, it is believed

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that a definite step will be taken to reduce the number of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosures of intelligence information. Any program of this nature, however, must have the backing of the head of each department or agency in order to be effective. I will keep you informed of the reactions of the departments and agencies as this topic is discussed by the Security Committee.

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Deputy Director of Security

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Attachment:

Draft of revision of DCID 11/2

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